COMMANDEERING OF PADDY

79. Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Cheruthuruthi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

if they are aware that paddy due to the Landlord is being commandeered from poor tenants, who subsequently have to purchase the same?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* In the larger interests of the State, Government have a prior claim over the surplus paddy with the Jenmis. Therefore, in cases where the jenmies do not need their share of paddy from their tenants for their own requirements, it is purchased or commandeered as the case may be from their tenants for equitable distribution to the rationed population. Each individual of the rationed population has an equal claim on the surplus paddy available for purchase by Government.

COMMANDEERING OF PADDY—ALLOWANCE FOR SHRINKAGE

80. Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Cheruthuruthi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the "ശ്രമക്കുറവ്" that is claimed from tenants per para when paddy is commandeered;

(*b*) the period between which it is so claimed?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) "Shrinkage" allowance for wet paddy or green paddy: 10 per cent.

(*b*) "Shortage" allowance for "Tailed" varieties of paddy: 25 per cent.

Vasi will be claimed whenever the paddy is not clean and well dried. No definite period is fixed.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Lock-out in the Allience Industries, Trippunittura

Mr. President: I have considered the notice of a motion for the adjournment of the business of the House given by Mr. P. K. Dewer yesterday and I am of the opinion that this motion is in order. The notice reads as follows: "Under Rule 21 of the Legislative Council Rules for the adjournment of the business of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance to wit the illegal lock-out in the 'Allience Industries', Trippunittura and the failure of the Government to take proper action against the management".

I must now ask whether the Hon'ble Member has the leave of the Council to bring this motion.

Those Hon'ble Members who are in favour of this motion will please stand.

More than 20 Hon'ble Members have stood. The motion is admitted and the discussion will take place at 3-30 to-morrow afternoon.

DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS—*(contd.)*

42. 30-A-Civil Engineering—B. O.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 14,000, under 30-A-Civil Engineering along with the construction of new buildings for Training College at Trichur improvement works to the existing High School bnildings were found necessary. Though urgent works were executed to meet the demands of the College, certain improvement works could not be undertaken in 1120 for want of budget provision. The works proposed are (1) construction of dark room, (2) construction of two retiring rooms; (3) reconstructing northern boundary wall, (4) repairs to gallery and (5) wood oiling, painting, etc.

The cost of the works will come to Rs. 14,000. As there is no budget provision an additional allotment of Rs. 14,000 is necessary. I request the House may be pleased to grant this allotment.

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*മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: I oppose the motion. ഇന്നലെയാണ് ടെയിനിങ്ങ് കോളേജിനുവേണ്ടി മുപ്പത്തയ്യായിരം രൂപ ഇവിടെ പാസ്സാക്കിക്കൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളതു്. എന്നാൽ ഇതിനേക്കാൾ ഏറ്റവും പ്രധാനമായ ഇവിടത്തെ പൊതുജനങ്ങൾക്കു് ഏറ്റവും ഉപയോഗപ്രദമായ, ഏറ്റവും ആവശ്യമായ ഒരു വഴിയിൽ ഒരു പാലം പൊളിഞ്ഞുകിടന്നിട്ടു് ഇതുവരെ ആയിട്ടും നന്നാക്കി ജനങ്ങൾക്കു് ഗതാഗതസൌകര്യമുണ്ടാക്കിക്കൊടുക്കുവാൻ ശ്രമിക്കാത്ത ഗവൺമെണ്ടു് ഈവക ആവശ്യങ്ങൾക്കു് ഇത്രവലിയ സംഖ്യ ചിലവുചെയ്യുന്നതു് ആശാസ്യകരമല്ലെന്നു ഗവൺമെണ്ടിനെ മനസ്സിലാക്കാനാണു് ഞാൻ ഈ ഡിമാൻറിനെ എതിർക്കുന്നതു്. തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂരിൽനിന്നും കച്ചവടത്തിനു ഏറ്റവും പ്രാധാന്യം അർഹിക്കുന്നവിധം സൌകര്യങ്ങളുള്ള കണ്ടശ്ശാങ്കടവിലേക്കുള്ള റോഡിൽ ഒരു പാലം പൊളിഞ്ഞുവീണുകിടന്നിട്ടു വളരെ കാലമായി. ഇതുവരെ അതിൻെറ ചിലവിലേക്കുള്ള ഒരു സംഖ്യ ഇവിടെ ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടുകാണുന്നില്ല. ഇപ്പോൾ തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂർനിന്നും സാമാനങ്ങൾ കൊണ്ടുപോകുന്നതും മറ്റും തൃപ്രയാർക്കുടി വളഞ്ഞാണു് കണ്ടശ്ശാങ്കടവിലേക്കു് കൊണ്ടുപോകുന്നതു്. ഗവൺമെണ്ടു് ആ പാലം പണിയിക്കുന്നതിനു ഇതുവരെ ഒരു സംഖ്യ പാസ്സാക്കിയതായി കാണുന്നില്ല.

ഇതു് അത്ര ഗൌരവമേറിയതൊ അടിയന്തരമൊ ആയ ഒരു കാര്യമാണെന്നു എനിക്കു തോന്നുന്നില്ല. അതുകൊണ്ടു് ഈ സംഖ്യ അനുവദിക്കുവാൻ പാടില്ല. അതുകൊണ്ടു് ഞാൻ ഈ ഡിമാൻറിനെ എതിർക്കുന്നു.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: A word of explanation, Sir. The Hon'ble Member stated that his reason for opposing this grant is that Government have not put in a plea for an additional grant for constructing a bridge on the Kandassankadavu road which has collapsed a month ago. I may inform the House the temporary works in connection with the bridge have all been completed and the road is fit for traffic. As regards the reconstruction, we are taking levels, soundings, etc., for the foundation and we will come in for additional allotment after the estimates have been prepared.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Trichur)*: I withdraw my opposition.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur)*: There is no motion to withdraw.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Trichur)*: I have already opposed this demand.

Mr. President: The Hon'ble Member will resume his seat. If he wishes to withdraw his opposition it is perfectly simple for him to vote in favour of the demand when it is put to the vote.

Demand put and carried.

43. 30-A—Civil Engineering—B.O.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Sir, I rise to move for an additional grant of Rs. 25,000 under 30-A—Civil Engin ering, Miscellaneous, Original. The necessity for this allotment is for constructing certain cooling arrangements in the Trichur Distilliary. The Trichur Distilliary is located at a place where there is no one might call copious supply of good water. The activities of that distilliary has increased to a very great extent during the past two years and we found that the natural supply of water available in that locality was not sufficient for the work. Probably it might interest you to know that the amount of liquor that they manufacture there is even more than the rationed quantity of patrol in Cochin for a year.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam)*: Was it due to increase of liquor manufacture in the State?

Mr V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: I do not know. I cannot say it. To manufacture this large quantity of liquor and for distillation it is necessary to have cooling water and the amount of water that can be had from the wells is not sufficient. What is now proposed is to have efficient cooling arrangements for the hot water which is used for cooling purposes. In that case it will be necessary to supplement only the water which is lost by evaporation and that will be very small. This amount of Rs. 25,000 is to be expanded on the construction of two masonry tanks each of 50,000 gallons capacity and a cooling tower.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam)*: Will it give an adequate return in the shape of interest?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: I think it will pay many times over.

Demand put and carried.

*Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.

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